



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

***NATIONAL TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK***

**WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives established the third week in October as National Teen Driver Safety Week; and**

**WHEREAS, the State of Florida is home to more than 800,000 teen drivers; and**

**WHEREAS, vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among teenagers both in the State of Florida and nationally; and**

**WHEREAS, teen drivers had the highest crash rate of any age group in Florida last year when more than 32,000 teen drivers were involved in crashes; and**

**WHEREAS, last year, 383 people in the State of Florida were killed in an accident where a teen was driving and Teen Driver Safety Week will bring attention to the development of programs, such as the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' *Drive with CARE* program, to help reduce the number of teen crashes; and**

**WHEREAS, the State of Florida also recognizes the importance of safe teen driving programs and encourages parental involvement in helping young people to develop critical driving skills;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 18-24, 2009 as *National Teen Driver Safety Week*.**



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I  
have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the Great Seal of  
the State of Florida to be  
affixed at Tallahassee, the  
Capitol, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
October, in the year two  
thousand nine.**

A blue ink signature of Charlie Crist, written in a cursive style.

**Governor**